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Beware: New Hoax Being Circulated

Our Weekly Chat With You

Dear Readers...

WEEK after week we address you very personally in this column, but we are wondering whether all of you are reading what we have to say. What we write is very important. All our chats are designed to inform you, to stimulate you to more intensive religious practice consistent with what you believe, to keep you mindful that your faith is not intended as a private possession only, but as something spread among others as an eagle or soldier of Christ. You are that through the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Those who are not interested in our "Crusade for God" hardly deserve to be called "God's Children." Who can do most to check the irreligious movements of our day if not the Catholics of our nation? We constitute not only the largest religious body in the United States, but in the large cities comprise from one-third to one-half of the entire population.

We wonder whether you truly comprehend the bigness, the thoroughness, the accuracy in setting of the Catholic news service. In your daily paper you read over nearly every non-Catholic news item "AP," "INS," or "U.P." These respectively stand for "Associated Press," "International News Service" and "United Press."

These are press services which gather news from all over the world and serve the same to all the papers which partonize them. NCWC News Service is a similar organization for the gathering of religious news or information concerning

Look Elsewhere For Intolerance

HAS anybody ever told you that the editors of this paper are intolerant in the face of all the intolerance of which their accusers are guilty?

Could you imagine a Catholic Bishop touring the country to denounce a particular Protestant sect? Could you conceive of a Catholic Bishop waiting on President Truman to ask that he should not send any personal representative to a Protestant Country?

Could you imagine a priest trying to stir up trouble throughout the nation because a few Catholic visitors to a Protestant country were not treated by a few civilians as they thought they should be?

Could you imagine Catholics objecting to a bus-driver picking up rural children on their way to a Lutheran or a Methodist or a Baptist school?

Could you conceive of Catholic clergy organizing against Protestantism and then inviting atheistic, Communistic and all other kinds of organizations to join them?

In the "Right or Wrong" column of this issue you will read the truth about "the few members of the Church of Christ" who claim to have been ill-treated in Italy. After an investigation it was discovered that these missionaries had been playing with the Communists in Italy; that in opening a small orphanage, without a license, they violated a law; that their visas had run out and, therefore, they were momentarily not even legally in Italy; that although they incited some people against them by their attacks on Catholic practices, they were given police protection.

A Baptist paper in the south recently urged its readers to protest the presence of Catholic missionaries among the Negroes.

Listen In

Listen to the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Fulton J. Sheen today and every Sunday until Easter. Known as America's Number One radio speaker, Msgr. Sheen is heard on the Catholic Hour at 6:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time. The general title of his talks is "The Rock Plunged into Eternity." N.B.C. carries the program.

Also listen to the Rev. Urban Nagle, O.P., on the Hour of Faith at 11:30 a.m. Eastern Standard Time, Sunday mornings over A.B.C. Father Nagle is conducting a series of interviews under the general title, "Religion."

A third program, Faith in Our Time over M.B.C., Thursdays at 10:15 a.m., is now featuring talks by our Associate Editor, the Rev. Richard Ginder. His general subject is O. S. V.'s "Crusade for God."

Since They Take Everything Else Why Not The Pope?

PRACTICALLY everything that Protestants regard as essential or important they have received from the Catholic Church. They accepted Sunday rather than Saturday as the day for public worship after the Catholic Church made that change. They accepted the Bible from the Catholic Church as genuine, as authentic, as inspired, solely on the authority of the Catholic Church.

They observe Christmas on the day assigned to it by the Catholic Church. They accept the date for Easter observance from the Catholic Church.

They observe Advent and Lent, both institutions of the Catholic Church. Their prayerbooks and liturgy follow the order of the Catholic Church's ecclesiastical year, and they use many prayers and Bible readings which were in common use by Catholics throughout the world before new religions were formed.

But the Protestant mind does not seem to realize that in accepting the Bible, in observing the Sunday, in keeping Christmas and Easter, they are accepting the authority of the spokesman for the Church, the Pope.

Practically everything fundamental taught by Protestantism was defined by early Councils of the Church, and, whether these were held in the east or in the west, they were presided over by the Pope or by his legate, and the

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Fake Society Stirs Bigotry Against Church

Uses Catholic Name To Misrepresent Catholic Teaching

SOME one is taking the occasion of the "alleged" ill-treatment of Texan missionaries in Italy to stir bigotry into action. He is using a form of a communication whose letterhead bears this inscription:

Mary, Mother of God
Nocturnal Adoration Society,
New York, N. Y.

The return address is given as:

Frances Xavier O'Toole
Society of the Immaculate Heart
of Mary, Mother of God,
New York City 3, N. Y.

Now there is no such Nocturnal Adoration Society in New York, and no such Frances Xavier O'Toole Society of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Mother of God.

Moreover, Xavier was a man, and not a woman and, therefore, his Christian name would have been spelled "Francis" instead of "Frances."

The letter which has come to us is addressed to Rev. J. Wood, Crescent Hill Church, Brownfield, Texas. In it he is told that he "together with all other false heretics and agencies of hell will surely burn forever in Purgatory for your damnable acts." This is the first time we have ever heard that a person would burn forever in Purgatory. That would be hell.

The Rev. Mr. Wood is told

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decrees had no validity until they were approved by the Catholic Church.

St. Augustine, the intellectual convert of the early fifth century, who spent years in studying and commenting on the Bible, declared that he could not consistently accept the Bible without the authority of the Church which declared it to be inspired. So most reflecting intellectuals think today; so have many intellectual converts in various countries reasoned.

Without the recognition of the authority in the Church people cannot fail to go astray. For instance, it certainly does matter whether the Holy Eucharist contains the glorified body and soul of Christ. That doctrine is taught in clearer language and by more Scripture writers than any other yet the majority of ministers do not accept that teaching.

Matthew, Mark and Luke refer to it in unmistakably clear language. St. John devotes a long chapter to the promise of it, quoting Christ in very clear language. And St. Paul tells us that he received a special revelation from God concerning it. The honest Bible reader would therefore accept this doctrine if he got his faith solely from reading his Bible. If he rejects this, it is only because the religious organization to which he belongs has rejected it. And that religious organization rejected it only because its clergy could not be empowered to produce the Eucharist or to absolve from sin, unless its clergy were connected, in a long line of succession, back to the days of the Apostles. But since the Catholic Church does go back to those days it can consistently act on the very plain teaching of the Bible on this subject.

Yes, reject a central authority in Christianity, and you only make way for all sorts of discordant and contradictory teachings which, evidently, God Himself cannot approve.

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out any interruption. With every breath we take, with every pulsation of our heart, we come closer and closer to the end of our life. Our every action should be related to our eternal destiny. When we perform our daily tasks without directing our intentions to honor and praise God by them, they cannot

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its different religious profession, or even because it is anti-Catholic.

Catholics Don't Discriminate

Catholics never discriminate against a Protestant running for political office. They never even take account of the religion of the merchant with whom they deal. In fact, they are usually charged with showing favoritism to non-Catholic business and professional men, to non-Catholic architects or contractors.

On the other hand, we know of members of certain religions who would never vote for a Catholic, never trade with a Catholic, never employ a Catholic to design a building or to erect it.

It might not have been brought to your attention, but the President of Ireland, whose population is chiefly Catholic, has been, almost from the beginning of the Republic, a Protestant. Catholics in that country have never been charged with persecuting or ill-treating the Protestant minority group. It is common knowledge

that the Protestant minority has
very hostile to the Catholic group.

The Regent of Hungary, who was 70% Catholic, was from the time of World War I until Russia took control, a Catholic Austria has elected Social Catholic Bavaria has placed many in high office, while Protestant Prussia has been anti-Catholic. Today Germany doesn't like the new west German Chancellor because its head is a Catholic.

The only matters in which Catholicism is tolerant are matters of faith which, as revealed truths, must be facts which there can be no compromise in. Matters of conduct, however, than there can be no compromise or cal facts.

The Catholic Church always distinguishes between persons and their religious or political connections. She not only denounces people, who believe different things, but insists on her members observe the law of the love of neighbor and even of the love of God. In fact the Catholic Church, the leader of the world, does not lead the world to Communism in the world, does not

Be Protected in case of

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